



## **Request for City Council Committee Action Community Planning & Economic Development (Empowerment Zone)**

Date June 3, 2003

To Ways & Means/ Budget Committee

Submitted by Kim W. Havey, Minneapolis Empowerment Zone, 673-5415

Approved by Lee Sheehy, Community Planning and Economic Development

**Subject** Approval of \$200,000 in Empowerment Zone funds to be administered through the Minneapolis Employment and Training Program (METP) for the Step Up Program.

**Presenters in Committee** Kim W. Havey, Director, Minneapolis Empowerment Zone

### **Recommendation**

- (1) Authorize a total \$200,000 in federal Empowerment Zone funds for the Step Up Program, to be administered by the Minneapolis Employment and Training Program (METP);
- (2) Authorize city officers to execute an agreement with the Minneapolis Employment and Training Program, setting forth the terms and conditions of administering federal Empowerment Zone funds;
- (3) Decrease the appropriation for the City Coordinator Agency in the Federal Grants Fund (0300-840-8460) by \$200,000; and
- (4) Increase the appropriation for the Health and Family Support Agency in the Federal Grants Fund (0300-860-8600) by \$200,000.

### **Financial Impact**

- ☐ No financial impact or Action is within current budget.
- ☒ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- ☐ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- ☐ Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- ☐ Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- ☐ Other financial impact (Explain):
- ☐ Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

### **Background/Supporting Information**

On May 23, 2003 the Empowerment Zone Executive Committee approved an "emergency grant" of \$200,000 for the "Step Up" program, administered by the Minneapolis Employment and Training Program (METP). The funds will be used to expand METP's existing Summer Youth Employment and Training Program's subsidized jobs at Minneapolis community agencies.

The purpose of the Step Up program is to provide summer employment and one year of work and life-skills mentorship to 110 fourteen and fifteen year olds living in the Empowerment Zone. Summer jobs will be provided using EZ funding to subsidize the jobs through the existing METP infrastructure. Each of the young people will be matched with one of two young adult mentors (local college students interested in building their own skills) for one year. The mentors help the young people build job and life skills, supporting them in their summer employment, encouraging attendance and academic success during the 2003/2004 school year, and helping them to build toward securing employment during Summer 2004.